

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Kindly replace the language presented at page 2 lines 1-5, and lines 19-23 with the following:

“Report on Electronic Container Seal Technologies (Task 2)”, Chel Stromgren, August 23, 2002, retrieved and accessed on the Internet

[http://www.ccdott.org/Deliverables/2001/task3.15/task3.15\\_Summary.pdf](http://www.ccdott.org/Deliverables/2001/task3.15/task3.15_Summary.pdf) on October 1, 2003, describes the technical development of container seals: Starting with passive seals having no power support, today electronic seal are common.

“Technology to Enhance Freight Transportation Security and Productivity”, Michael Wolfe, Intermodal Freight Security and Technology Workshop – Long Beach CA, April 27-29, 2002, retrieved and accessed on the Internet

<http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/publications/Security%20Technology%20Appendix,%204-25-02.doc> on July 17, 2003 has a similar overview on seal technologies.

The above amendments replace the embedded hyperlinks with standard text.